

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following sentence on page 1 of the specification after the Title of the Invention:

--This application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP2004/011599 filed on August 12, 2004, which claims the benefit of priority of Japanese Application Number 2003-293062 filed August 13, 2003--.

Please replace paragraph [0010] on page 7 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0010] Ishida et al. (see Ishida, Y., et al., (2003), Plant Biotechnology, Vol. [[14]] 20, p. 57-66) investigated callus formation from immature embryos by culturing immature embryos of maize (cultivar: H99) inoculated and co-cultured with Agrobacterium, on media containing 1-100 μ M copper sulfate. The callus formation improved in media containing 1-10 μ M copper sulfate, but slightly.--